

ADMONISH THE UNRULY

Paul introduced seven characteristics of a spiritually healthy church in (1 Thess.5:13-15).

The **first characteristic of a spiritually healthy church** was to “Live in Peace with One Another”, which was [our last study](#).

(Rom.12:19) “If possible, **so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.**”

(2 Thess.3:16) “**Now may the Lord of Peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance.** The Lord be with you all.”

(Col.3:15) “**Let the Peace of Christ rule in your hearts; to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.**”

The **second characteristic of a spiritually healthy church** was to **ADMONISH THE UNRULY**.

<p>We will study <u>six aspects</u> of how and why we Admonish the Unruly believer.</p>
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1. We will begin by explaining the Greek words and their meaning for Admonishing the Unruly within the congregation.

The Greek word and meaning of **UNRULY** (ataktos).

- A/taktos begins with an alpha privative (**A**) meaning without respect, an insubordinate attitude)
- **taktos** (the adjective form of tasso, meaning an attitude towards divinely delegated position or polices of authority).
 - It can also mean to evade one’s obligation or to act irresponsibility.

ADMONISH is the Greek word **noutheteo**

- A compound word, **nous** meaning “mind” and thetos, which is the adjective form of **tithemi**, meaning to put or place a warning in the mind.

Thus, “admonish the Unruly” means to instill correct doctrinal thinking in the mind of an UNRULY believer towards position and polices of the Divine Delegated authority over him or her.

2. Admonishing the Unruly is a doctrinal warning to prevent Divine Discipline being applied to correct behavior.

(Heb.12:5-1) Three levels of Divine Discipline, light, reprovved, and scourged.

(Heb.12:10) “For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but **He (GOD) disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.**”

Military example of discipline of an Unruly attitude or behavior would be to assign a special detail duty, a reduced rank and recycled with more training; if that fails, dishonorably discharged.

3. The difference between admonishing and teaching.

Admonishing is identifying the things that are wrong (attitudes and behaviors) and to issue a warning by encouraging change before others must bring discipline.

(Titus 3:1) “Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authority, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work.” (Titus 3:1-4)

If the believer is receptive, then we can teach them Categorical Bible Doctrine, truths pertaining to the bigger issue.

(Col.3:16) “**Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another** with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

4. The responsibility of the Pastor-Teacher:

The Pastor-Teacher is to consistently teach and admonish the unruly by teaching Categorical Bible Doctrine for the congregation to make self-examination and to make changes in their attitude and behavior for the Lord.

(Col.1:28-29) “We proclaim Him, **admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom**, so that we may present everyone perfect (mature) in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully works in me.”

(Titus 3:10) “Warn (admonish) a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that have nothing to do with him. You may be sure that such a man is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.” (NIV)

5. Spiritually Advancing Believers are instructed to withdraw social contact from the UNRULY believer after that believer has been giving adequate admonishing.

(2 Thess.3:6-7) “Now we command you, brethren, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, **that you keep aloof from every brother who leads an unruly life** and not according to the tradition which you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you.”

(2 Thess.3:14-15) “If anyone does not obey our instructions in this letter, take special note of him. Do not associate with him (socially), in order that he may feel ashamed. **Yet do not regard him as an enemy but warn (admonish) him as a brother.**”

6. Admonishing the Unruly is the responsibility of those who hold positions of Divinely Delegated authority (Col.3:18-25) in all Divine Institutions, i.e., marriage, family, employment, nation, and freedom.

Parental failure in this area has devastating consequences on children and family.

Eli and his two sons are an example (1Sam.2:12, 22-25; 3:10-14).

(1 Sam.3:13). “For I have told him that I am about to judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons brought a curse on themselves, **and he did not rebuke them.**”